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**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT  
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which the U.S. National Phase of PCT application no. PCT/EP00/09263 entitled \_\_\_\_\_ filed on September 21, 2000, is filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.\*

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (DAY, MONTH-YEAR)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119
Germany	19945692.5	September 23, 1999	YES [x] NO [ ]
Germany	10022257.9	August 5, 2000	YES [x] NO [ ]

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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\* In Non-Convention cases, a listing of all filings and current status of cases filed more than one year before the U.S. filing is required to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a). Such a listing may be attached.

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I hereby certify that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration and power of attorney and this petition.

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